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May 12, 2008

The Honorable Jim Weiers
Speaker of the House
Arizona House of Representatives
1700 West Washington
Phoenix, Arizona 85007

Re: House Bill 2039; Schools, Multiple Birth Siblings; Classrooms

Dear Speaker Weiers:

Today I vetoed House Bill 2039, the bill that would have enacted into state-wide statute a requirement that all schools in Arizona place twins, triplets and other multiple-birth siblings in the same classroom, if requested by their parents, unless the school district's governing board determines at the end of a grading period that the arrangement is disruptive to the school.

Classroom placement of children and their siblings should be addressed on a case-by-case basis in a decision collaboratively made between educators and parents. Legislative intervention on a state-wide level is unwarranted.

For these and other reasons, I have vetoed House Bill 2039.

Yours very truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Janet Napolitano".

Janet Napolitano
Governor

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cc: The Honorable Timothy S. Bee
The Honorable Mark Anderson

Passed the House March 4, 2008

by the following vote: 32 Ayes,

27 Nays, 1 Not Voting

[Signature]
Speaker of the House

Norman L. Moore
Chief Clerk of the House

Passed the Senate May 6, 2008

by the following vote: 19 Ayes,

9 Nays, 2 Not Voting

Timothy S. Bee
President of the Senate

Charmian Ballington
Secretary of the Senate

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT OF ARIZONA
OFFICE OF GOVERNOR

This Bill received by the Governor this

7th day of May, 2008

at 11:30 o'clock a. M.

Veneranda Barra
Secretary to the Governor

Approved this _____ day of _____

at VETO o'clock _____ M.

Governor of Arizona

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT OF ARIZONA
OFFICE OF SECRETARY OF STATE

This Bill received by the Secretary of State

this 12 day of May, 2008

at 4:57 o'clock p. M.

Janice K. Brewer
Secretary of State

H.B. 2039